

18. (Amended) A high pressure filtration nonwoven fabric, comprising
a polyester fiber having a double refraction (Δn) of 0.170 or more, a heat shrinkage stress
at 200°C of 0.10-0.60 g/d, and a mean single fiber fineness of 1.0-6.5 denier, and
said nonwoven fabric having a mean value of breaking length at an elongation of 5% in a
lengthwise direction (MD) and a crosswise direction (CD) of 4.0 km or more and having an air
permeability of 0.2-5.0 cc/cm²•s.